

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claim 9 (currently amended): A process for producing carbamazepine, which comprises reacting iminostilbene with an alkali cyanate in an aqueous solution, said reacting being carried out in an acidic medium consisting of acetic acid, or a mixture of acetic acid with water, or with alcohol, or with an aqueous alcohol, and recovering the resulting carbamazepine.

Claim 10 (new): The process of claim 9 wherein the aqueous solution of the alkali cyanate contains up to about 20% water.

Claim 11 (new): The process of claim 9 wherein the mixture of acetic acid with water contains up to about 20% water.

Claim 12 (new): The process of claim 9 wherein the mixture of acetic acid with alcohol contains up to about 10% alcohol.

Claim 13 (new): A process for producing carbamazepine, which comprises reacting iminostilbene with an alkali cyanate in an aqueous solution, then adding said aqueous solution to an acidic medium consisting of acetic acid, or a mixture of acetic acid with water, or with alcohol, or with an aqueous alcohol, and recovering the resulting carbamazepine.